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BAY MEETING

The plan of having the annual meeting of the Bay Association condensed into one session following a dinner was amply justified when 325 people were in attendance on Tuesday evening, January 9th. Not only were more present than in former years, but they were to a large extent made up of the working forces of our churches.

Rev. J. H. McCartney was elected Moderator, and Rev. Thomas E. Watt, Assistant Moderator. Rev. C. D. Milliken registrar and Mr. John H. Gregg, assistant registrar. The Credentials Committee will now consist of Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. H. R. Colbert, Rev. W. W. Ferrier, Rev. C. D. Milliken, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen and Rev. Elmer W. Benedict.

The Board of Directors for the coming year will be: Mr. A. C. Jensen, Mr. E. T. Leiter, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. George T. Tolson, Mr. A. F. Peterson, Dr. H. B. Ward, Mr. F. H. Seely, Rev. H. R. Colbert, Rev. T. E. Watt, Rev. J. H. McCartney, Rev. W. W. Furze, Mr. G. S. Martin, Mr. E. B. Mead, Judge C. D. Wilbur, Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Mrs. E. E. Vehrs, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach and Rev. J. H. Price.

The treasurer reported expenditures of over \$900 with a slight operating surplus.

Thank Offering 1933

Thank Offering receipts for 1933 are listed herewith with credit to the various churches. These items apply on the regular work of the denomination, but are not credited on the apportionment of the local churches. The Thank Offering for 1934 will be used for hospital work in North China and for the support of our own Trinity County Parish.

Berkeley, First	\$ 97.28
Berkeley, North	34.21
Benicia	19.75
Ceres	13.88
Eureka	27.00
Ferndale	8.00
Fresno, First	40.00
Lodi, First	14.21
Loomis	5.00
Murphy	2.50
Oakland, First	112.36
Oakland, Fruitvale	7.06
Oakland, Plymouth	10.00
Pacific Grove	18.94
Palo Alto	76.26
Petaluma	38.00
Pittsburg	14.50
Sacramento	12.20
San Francisco, Bethany—	
Mission Park	13.25
San Francisco, First	75.00
San Jose	72.29
Saratoga	15.48
Sebastopol	3.35
Tulare	10.31

\$740.83

(Thank Offering contributions too late to be counted for 1933 have been received as follows: Sonoma, \$10; Redwood City, \$12; Petaluma, \$2; Weaverville, \$7.60; Oakland Pilgrim, \$2.63; total \$34.23. These will be included with receipts for 1934.)

NEW SLIDES

The Conference office has finally received the new set of slides on Japan, entitled, "Modern Japan." The other new set, "Daybreak in Africa," which is longer and heavier for shipment, might be allocated to a group of churches to share the expense of express. Those who have used it report it as exceptionally good.

The Faith of a Modern Minister

Excerpts from a paper presented by Rev. Noel J. Breed on the occasion of his recognition as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Stockton.

"I find it increasingly difficult to class myself theologically. In no sense of the word am I a conservative. I have been too well grounded in history, science and Biblical criticism. Nor am I a radical; my own faith means too much to me. I find no incompatibility between intellectual freedom, personal Christian experience and a profound sense of the authority of the church. More and more my religion has become experiential. The word has two aspects for me: there is the personal element—the Grace of God made known in my own life; there is also the social element—God's revelation of Himself in human life and especially in the Christian tradition and the church. The first must be tested by the second to escape religious anarchy; the second authorizes the first and is itself enriched and increased by the contribution of each devout life.

"Central in my faith is my confidence in the Reality of God. God is more than a necessity of thought. He has become a Presence known and loved. I would have to deny all that is best in my life to doubt him.

"The more I try to follow Jesus the more wonderful he becomes to me. For years I did not call Him "Savior" because I was uncertain in my thought of the atonement. Today I can give no adequate expression of the doctrine but I find that "Savior" is a term that I am increasingly applying to the Lord Jesus Christ. His revelation of life and His conquest of death are so revolutionary in human experience that they deserve to be called "redemptive". Whether Christ changed the mind of God towards me or not, I do not know. I gladly testify that He changed my mind towards God.

"I am convinced that we shall never have a satisfying and enduring society

until the principles and spirit of Jesus are embodied in our own life. But I am very frank to say that I do not know what form such a Christian society will take. Jesus dealt with individuals, not with society. He was singularly silent about the social abuses of his generation, but He was very explicit about the life His followers should live. God forbid that I should depreciate the glorious social vision which has broken upon the church in recent years. But Jesus entrusted the creation of the program for the Kingdom throughout the world to men in whose hearts the Kingdom had first come. Christian principles are practical only when administered by Christian people.

"My conviction of immortality has grown stronger as I have gone on in my ministry. I have gained no new arguments supporting survival; the evidences of Spiritism leave me unimpressed. But as so many of my own family have slipped away from my physical touch and as I have mourned the passing of men and women greatly beloved in my churches, the conviction of their continuing life has steadily increased. No man living in the flesh has ever moved my life as Jesus has and does. How then can I call Him dead? And if He be not dead "because He lives we shall live also." If the spirit of Christ dwells in men the body dies but the Christ-filled personality is deathless.

"I am proud to be a minister of Jesus Christ, but I am always aware of how unworthy I am to be one. Living as we are in the midst of the greatest religious awakening of all history, the responsibilities of vision and leadership devolving upon the minister are greater than any man, unaided, can sustain. May we, with an understanding mind, an honorable life, an unflinching sympathy and hearts filled with the spirit of God, minister unto our people the unsearchable riches of Christ."

REPORT OF C. O. M. MEET

By Rev. T. T. Giffen, Member of Board of Directors of the Homeland Societies and member of the Commission on Missions.

Those who went to the Mid-winter meetings in Evanston expecting fireworks were disappointed. One of the alert secretaries, long identified with the national organizations, said it was the dullest meeting he had ever attended. There was no acrimonious nor exciting debate. All decisions were at least technically unanimous. The irenic spirit prevailed. Secretary Charles E. Burton, in his keynote address, urged that we should not spend the time tinkering with the machinery but address ourselves with the organization we have, to the great task in hand. This plea seemed to discourage those who thought we could do the task better with a somewhat altered organization. Whatever changes had been contemplated looking toward a unified plan of missionary promotion were quietly set aside until a more convenient season.

Rev. Charles C. Merrill, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Missions and Secretary of Promotion for both home and foreign boards, has accepted another position, but in his letter of resignation he pointed out that neither board really recognized him as being in charge of the program of promotion. He was insistent that his successor should be given charge of a united missionary appeal. Many sympathize with his plan, but there was no disposition in the Commission to make changes in the organization just now. The spell of Dr. Burton's conservatism was upon us and we said, let's do the work with the machinery we have.

A committee was appointed to seek for a successor to Dr. Merrill, whom the commission may elect at its meeting in June. Meantime Dr. Burton will direct the program of promotion. Rev. Wilson P. Minton, who has been assistant to Dr. Merrill, resigned his position to take effect immediately, but was persuaded to continue in office for the coming five months.

A year ago the Commission on Missions voted to recommend to the General Council that as now constituted it be done away and a smaller body with a different purpose substituted. This year that action was reversed. The Commission will continue to consist of the directors of the home and foreign boards, plus nine elected at large.

The proposal made a year ago to develop a single denominational periodical was abandoned. The Congregationalist will go forward as at present. Missionary interests both home and foreign will be merged into one monthly magazine, to be called the Missionary Herald at Home and Abroad, the first issue to appear in April.

Facing the necessity of retrenchment, the Commission voted to close the Dayton office, to discontinue its share in the support of the Southwest District office, and to reduce one member of the staff to part time service in

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1933 BENEVOLENCES FOR NATION

At the midwinter meeting in Evanston the reports from all of the states were given. This showed a total for all benevolences, home, foreign and state of \$1,550,682 for the year 1933. This represents a loss of \$437,000 or 22 percent as against 1932, and follows a loss of about \$399,000 for 1932 as against 1931, or about 17 percent. The amount given to benevolences in 1930 was \$3,101,000. This means that from 1930 to 1933 our giving was cut almost exactly in two, and we were put back below the level of 1918.

There are, however, several facts of encouragement:

1. The Christmas Fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief actually exceeded the fund of 1932 by \$159, the total being \$61,766.
2. There was a decided upturn in benevolence giving during the latter half of 1933. On June 1st, as compared with the corresponding date of 1932, the loss was 36.7 percent. This percentage was steadily reduced until on January 10th it stood at 22 percent for the year. Furthermore, during the last forty days of 1932 the percentage grew worse whereas in the last forty days of 1933 it grew better.
3. With all of the seriousness of the situation as reported above, church contributions the country over have not fallen to such a proportion as have the figures for national income and for expenditures for recreation and personal comforts.
4. Best of all, is the spirit of courage which was everywhere manifested by delegates, superintendents, missionaries and secretaries. If anyone supposes that the Christian church is dead, let him visit a Mid-winter meeting and see the heroism with which the planning is done, to carry forward the cause of Christ in spite of reduced income.

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FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

The author of the daily devotions of the Fellowship of Prayer for this Lenten season is Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, honorary pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York City. This is the sixteenth year of the Fellowship.

For thirty-two years Dr. Jefferson was the active pastor of the Tabernacle. Of "stars" in the famous Broadway firmament, Dr. Jefferson preaching twice on Sundays, addressing a mid-week service and speaking at special observances had with more than 4,000 "performances" by many times the longest "run."

As in other years there is a brief outline for daily devotions during the Lenten period, which begins February 14th and continues through Easter. The booklets can be secured from the Pacific Book Service at 3c each or 2c a copy when 25 or more are ordered.

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the Chicago office. A committee of two laymen was appointed to study the operations of the Publishing Society with a view to more efficient management. If recommendations offered by the Commission are followed—and they probably will be—no successor will be appointed to Dr. Harry R. Miles when he retires as associate secretary of the Ministerial Boards, the Education Society will soon close its field offices and do all its work from Boston headquarters, the Extension Boards will appoint no successors to several secretaries who are due for early retirement, and the other Boards will study their own situations with a view to further curtailment of administrative force.

Our Missionary Boards are up against a fearfully difficult situation. Their work must be carried on with 40 percent less money than in 1930. This means severe salary cuts all around—office help, executives, missionaries. It means doing away with a great deal of important but not indispensable work. The decreased income requires the curtailment of missionary education, which in the long run will not pay; it means heavier work for already overworked people; it means scores of men and women out of positions, recalled from work to which they have dedicated their lives; it means that multitudes of human beings are right now without the varied ministry of the Christian Church.

It was to face these problems and to make the required adjustments that the meetings were held in Evanston. Some of us were disappointed that there was not more of a progressive spirit as to organization. But on the other hand there was no pettiness nor politics. There was a high sense of the seriousness of the situation, a great assurance that our cause is right, a thoughtful purpose to do the thing that can be done, a sane courage that spells final victory.

HAIL, TO CALIFORNIA!

Yes, we are proud of California. Conditions have been hard and many churches have not been able to give to benevolences what they wanted to do. But for the most part they have stood by in a splendidly heroic manner and the results bear eloquent testimony.

The figures set forth below include total income for benevolences as remitted through the San Francisco office and do not include those sent directly to the eastern boards.

For the Home Boards.....	\$6,062.09
(This is a loss of \$1,494.68 over 1932 and of \$2,015.64 over 1931.)	
For the American Board (Foreign Missions).....	\$9,438.12
(This is \$2,535.23 less than for 1932 and \$3,243.23 less than for 1931.)	
For our own State Conference.....	\$17,579.51
(This is \$1,589.25 less than for 1932 and \$5,120.55 less than for 1931.)	
For State Ministers' Relief Society.....	\$1,065.56
(This is an increase of \$447.52 over 1932 and of \$598.28 over 1931. This increase is due entirely to two changes in percentage made during the past eighteen months.)	
TOTAL	\$34,145.28
(This is a total reduction of \$5,171.64 as against the total for 1932, or 13.2 percent.)	

According to the preliminary reports from the office of the Commission on Missions, our total giving including the money sent directly to the eastern boards is \$35,968.00 with a percentage loss of 14.9.

This percentage of loss is much less than the figure for the churches of the country as a whole, which amounts to 22 percent. Only two self-supporting states made a better record than Northern California. Six other states or groups of churches had a smaller percentage of loss, but the total contributions from all six are less than from our own Conference. The New England states showed a loss of 19 percent, the Middle Atlantic states over 25 percent, the Middle West more than 28 percent and the Pacific Slope over 20 percent.

These facts have been presented to set forth some reasons for gratitude. When one hears the reports from many of our sister states the conviction grows that we in Northern California have scarcely known what the depression is like. We have been spared the wholesale bank failures that have tied up the funds of churches and church members through extensive areas of our country. Our people are loyal, but no more loyal than our brethren elsewhere. If we have suffered less than others, shall we not be good stewards of that which we have?

This Is How It Was Done

Herewith is presented a complete church-by-church report of the contributions for all benevolences which have been made through the office of the State Conference for the years 1932 and 1933. These figures do not include in either column remittances made directly to the eastern boards, full report of which is made annually in the Congregational Year Book. Gifts which have come through the Thank Offering and which are reported in another column do not apply on the church apportionment and are not included in the figures credited to the churches, but the total is included in the Miscellaneous item at the bottom of the column.

It will be noted that about eighteen churches actually made gains in their giving this past year, and a number of others came very near the record for 1932. Miscellaneous items including Thank Offering and gifts from individuals fell off nearly half. In another article in this issue will be found an analysis of our contributions to the various boards.

	1932	1933
Adin	\$ 200.30	\$ 150.00
Alameda	550.20	455.25
Alturas	34.63	29.54
Angel's Camp	111.20	88.00
Antioch	56.27	63.60
Auburn	43.93	26.00
Benicia	35.50	13.00
Berkeley, First	7,954.73	7,741.00
Berkeley, North	1,273.63	1,004.74
Berkeley, Park	113.82	73.58
Campbell	298.88	300.00
Ceres	260.49	104.55
Cloverdale	170.88	98.26
Cotati	129.44	105.40
Crockett	194.58	102.97
Eureka	166.63	146.55
Fairfax	97.97	100.00
Ferndale	385.12	388.79
Fowler		10.00
Fresno, First	650.76	446.60
Fresno, Japanese	6.83	6.00
Fresno, Pilgrim	104.87	100.00
Fresno, Zion	64.63	31.00

Glen Ellen	12.87	5.00
Grass Valley	25.01	
Guerneville	49.63	
Hayfork	5.85	
Hayward	113.75	104.15
Kenwood	81.46	66.67
Lewiston	6.34	8.00
Lockeford	5.85	11.00
Lodi, First	1,369.66	1,051.46
Loomis	14.00	61.53
Martinez	182.76	112.36
Murphy	46.83	40.00
Niles	52.78	16.77
Oakland, Bethany	44.63	25.00
Oakland, Calvary	40.83	10.00
Oakland, First	6,870.00	6,361.87
Oakland, ...		
Fruitvale	5.85	10.50
Oakland, Japanese	10.73	10.00
Oakland, Pilgrim	50.22	10.00
Oakland, Plymouth		
(and Olivet)	1,544.69	890.26
Oroville	310.00	200.00
Pacific Grove	504.75	444.19
Palo Alto	2,072.98	2,000.00
Paradise	150.02	112.50
Pescadero	10.00	20.00
Petaluma	749.41	650.04
Pittsburg	87.90	75.59
Port Chicago	6.83	
Porterville	75.00	37.00
Redwood City	655.97	535.00
Reedley	5.00	
Rio Vista		11.20
Ripon	115.83	96.75
Sacramento	1,034.65	900.45
Salida	49.53	50.00
San Carlos	50.00	50.00
San Francisco, ...		
Bethany Mission		
Park	462.22	390.30
Calvary	30.84	25.00
Chinese	21.00	22.00
First	167.97	1,282.05
Ocean View	56.70	50.00
Richmond	58.87	59.00
Sanger	1.95	
San Jose	1,211.80	866.66
San Leandro	127.57	106.46
San Mateo	235.85	300.00
San Rafael	14.00	15.00
Santa Cruz	965.00	985.00

SUGGESTED CODE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

1. A regular attendant at the worship services of the church.
2. Prompt and regular in attendance at Sunday School.
3. Prayerful and studious in the preparation of lesson material.
4. Willing to co-operate with the Sunday School organization and in the program of the church.
5. Prepared to take, as soon as practicable, at least one unit of credit as outlined in the Standard Leadership Training Curriculum.
6. Present at the Church Installation Service for Officers and Teachers, at the time designated by the Pastor.

(The above is a Code for Sunday School workers which was presented and discussed at the last meeting of the Religious Education Committee of the Conference. The suggestion has been made that some churches may desire to use this code or a similar one, at least for purposes of discussion in teachers' meetings. The Committee would also call attention to the fact that the International Council of Religious Education has adopted standards for teachers and officers which are much more complete and detailed. Copies of these standards may be secured from the State Council office, Box 132, Berkeley.

Laurence Wilson Aids In Securing Manuscript

Pacific readers will be interested to learn how Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento helped in the securing of the Biblical manuscript from Russia for the British Museum.

While on his way to Russia he heard the lecturer on Biblical manuscripts in the British Museum say that it had not been heard from since the Bolshevik revolution. He expressed the hope that someone going to Russia would find it and notify the Museum. Mr. Wilson resolved to find it. And he did!

In Leningrad he gained the confidence of an old custodian of the Czar's library where the manuscript had been before the revolution. This librarian finally agreed to meet him in the basement of the Marble Palace built by Catherine the Great. There he was taken underground to a dusty alcove where it had been preserved, intact. Mr. Wilson wrote the British Museum, and later, Mrs. Wilson, attending a lecture there, heard the announcement that a Californian had told them of the whereabouts of the historic manuscript! Now it has been bought and brought with great secrecy, under strong guard, to the British Museum, where you may see it some day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21st-28th—National Council of Congregational Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.
July 28th-August 4th—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
October 16th-18th—State Conference First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

Santa Rosa	297.24	193.67
Saratoga	888.47	604.57
Sebastopol	161.71	204.67
Sonoma	129.23	95.00
Soquel	6.00	35.00
Stockton	1,503.23	1,005.93
Suisun	75.00	40.00
Sunnyvale	41.84	45.20
Sunol	40.00	
Tulare	395.03	355.00
Weaverville	79.38	55.00
Woodside	175.38	150.00
Reno, Nevada	515.20	409.78
Miscellaneous	2,338.54	1,287.87
	\$39,316.92	\$34,145.28

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

STOCKTON. A Recognition Council for Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, was held Wednesday evening, January 31st. Delegates and ministers were present from Petaluma, Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento and Fresno. In addition to the churches of the Central Association. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce preached the sermon, Rev. Lawrence Wilson read the scripture, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell offered prayer, Rev. H. F. Swartz gave the charge to the minister and Rev. Harley H. Gill the charge to the people. Rev. E. T. Sherman extended the right hand of fellowship. The invocation was offered by Rev. R. H. Sink, pastor emeritus. Musical numbers were furnished by the choir. Professor E. E. Stanford represented the church and Rev. T. T. Giffen served as Moderator.

PETALUMA. A recognition service for Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, the pastor, will be held Wednesday evening, February 14th. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach will deliver the sermon. All churches of the Redwood Empire Association, together with others with which Dr. Waddell has had vital connection, have been invited.

ALAMEDA. The "Mile of Pennies" plan which helped so greatly in closing the year without deficit will be continued until the mile has been reached. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, reports that it gives many people, unable to make a pledge to the church, an opportunity to have a part in its support.

LOOMIS. Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken are greatly enjoying their work in this church. Every member of the congregation has been visited, and everything possible done to make the minister comfortable in the parsonage. The Sunday School is showing decided growth. Repairs are being made on the church building.

OROVILLE. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, who has just entered upon the pastorate, gave the baccalaureate sermon for the mid-year High School class. Much improvement has been made in the parsonage.

PACIFIC GROVE. Churches of Monterey and Pacific Grove held union services during the Week of Prayer. The women's association has undertaken to raise nearly \$500 to pay on an indebtedness of the church. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

OAKLAND. CALVARY. Professor George T. Tolson of the Pacific School of Religion was the guest speaker at the annual meeting. Reports were given and plans laid. The work among young people is very encouraging. Mr. Cyril M. Hicks is the pastor.

EUREKA. A movement is on foot to transfer title from the "Society" to the "Church." The missionary society has assumed responsibility for benevolences during 1934. Church attendance is showing a decided increase. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The year closed with practically all bills paid. The report of the pastor, Rev. R. B. Cherington, was ordered printed and distributed as a letter. Church attendance during January has improved.

SOQUEL. Sixty-five members and friends of the Soquel church sat down together for the Annual Dinner. Many young people were present. Every department of church work showed a healthy growth and small balances in all treasuries were reported. A salary raise was voted the pastor, Rev. J. G. Heath, and a desire expressed that the membership which has added sixteen new names the past year, might speedily become one hundred strong.

A fine Junior Endeavor Society of twenty members is the last group added to the working force of the church. The Sunday School has both Cradle Roll and Home Departments.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. At the annual meeting Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, called to the witness stand 28 people, questioning each one about the work of his own committee or department. A deficit which had accumulated a year ago was reduced by more than \$800. Following the examination of witnesses, Rev. O. W. S. McCall gave a searching and uplifting address.

SANTA CRUZ. At the annual meeting 225 persons were present. Forty-four new members were received during the year and 71 removed, including 57 by revision of the roll. Average attendance at morning services for the year was 196, and for the evening picture service 779. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, made over 1900 calls during the year.

ANTIOCH. A very complete church organization including committees on religious education and missions, has been set up for the coming year. The Christian Endeavor Society recently netted \$91 for Asilomar fund by a play at a local theatre. Subscriptions for the 1934 budget are practically complete. Rev. Henry Stauffer is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. A New Year rally service was held in which business and professional men told of their attitude and convictions about the work of the church and their appreciation of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin. The annual canvass for current expenses followed, with a large group of active workers in charge.

LODI. Reports at the annual meeting indicated that the three-year program adopted a year ago is progressing satisfactorily in all departments. The year was closed with a small balance in the treasury, after needed repairs had been made to the church and parsonage. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

ALTURAS. Rev. J. K. Ballou has been called as pastor of this church and has accepted and is on the field at work. The Pacific is glad to welcome Mr. Ballou back into the fellowship as pastor after a number of years spent in business. He was formerly with our church at Santa Rosa.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The church was host to the West Bay Cacoypa when officers for the new year were installed. Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda was the speaker. Mr. Stewart Locke is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. This church increased its goal for benevolence giving for 1934. Rev. George E. Atkinson is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. Twenty-four new members were received into fellowship on January 7th, bringing the total in the two years under the leadership of Rev. George E. Brown up to one hundred. The annual dinner and meeting was the largest in the history of the church. All bills were paid in full and there was a balance in the treasury. Subscriptions on the budget for 1934 are already larger than during recent years, and the campaign is not yet complete. A World Friendship Circle has been organized to create interest in missionary work.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Fifteen new members were received into the church at the January communion. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, has announced a series of Sunday morning sermons on recent books, including the following titles: "Life Begins at Forty," "What Men Are Asking," "Religion in a Changing World," "Diagnosing Today," "Can Christ Save Society?"

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The church is now under the direction of a Council in which all departments are represented. The Men's Club has an attendance of more than fifty. A program of Adult Education has been launched, with Dr. V. Podstata giving the first series on "Mental Hygiene." A number of teachers in Mills College are now assisting in the Sunday School. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. Christmas white gifts went to help fill Christmas baskets. Snow and rains have made visits to outlying points in the county difficult. A Church Cabinet has been formed, and the young people's society is making progress. Rev. James D. Salmon is taking care of two C.C.C. camps. An open house is held every Friday evening.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The annual meeting of the church was held January 10th. Through operating on a restricted budget all bills for the year were paid. Officers for the new year were elected. Mr. J. B. Wirt is in charge of a large young people's society. A spirit of hopefulness and courage prevailed. Mr. James E. Boyd is the pastor.

RIPON. The annual meeting of the church was held January 18th, with a large attendance and splendid reports from all departments. The year was closed without deficit. Attendance has been better at church services than during the past eight years. The Christian Endeavor Society has an enrollment of seventy. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The Young People's Clubs are planning an Asilomar evening service early in February. During Lent the pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, is taking the general theme, "Meditations with Paul," for his sermons.

COTATI. December revealed the largest average attendance at the Sunday morning services during the fifteen months of the pastorate of Mr. M. G. Gabrielson.

SACRAMENTO. About thirty officers and chairmen of committees gave reports at the annual meeting, each report being confined to five sentences. Some of the sentences were as long and involved as those of St. Paul, but the net result was a brief yet comprehensive view of the manifold activities of the church. The membership, including the young people's church, now stands at 700. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was guest and speaker. Rev. Lawrence Wilson is the pastor.

MODOC INDIAN. A fair, in which the Indians had the opportunity to display handwork, was held in January. Its success has resulted in the decision to have another in May. Miss Coxhead needs 50 yards of unbleached muslin for materials on which the women may work. Prints, suitable for baby clothes, are needed, and flower seeds will be welcome. Churches and organizations which can help, please write to Miss Mary Coxhead, Alturas.

BIG VALLEY. A new Sunday School has been organized at Providence with an average attendance of seventeen. The work at Nubieber has developed, a number of adults now coming with the children. Rev. Westwood Wallace holds services for the C. C. C. camp at Hackamore, and Mrs. Wallace is soon to make a speaking trip through the Northwest, describing her former work in China to the Disciples churches.

NO OTHERS NEED APPLY

Deacon Jesse Hardy, now of Broadmoor and formerly of Stockton, rises to remark that ministers whose names have more than one syllable are hopelessly handicapped in seeking consideration by the Stockton Church for its pastorate. During the past forty-four years the following ministers have served that church: Sink, Gill, White Hahn, Breed.

THEY SAW A WAY OUT

When the word came "No money," the Boys School, Sholapur, India, seemed doomed. But there were 150 boys and 8 teachers to be considered. "We must carry on somehow," said missionaries, staff and students. The Manual Training teacher said: "We will stop our classes temporarily and let the experienced boys help. We will do only commercial work. The orders will come." They did, says Miss Margaret G. Hammaker, and, she adds, "Many a mother's son has toiled over work bench with plane or hammer or saw to help his school." In spite of all, at the Thanksgiving service, Hindu and Christian boys and girls stood side by side at the offering table and shared their little with the sick and poor.

Sincerity is an excellent instrument for the speedy dispatch of the Master's business.

To accomplish a work of art, one must learn the art of work.



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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a. m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

January 18-19 marked the beginning and ending of another successful Annual Meeting of The Federation. The Association presidents and the chairmen of various committees showed in their reports that all lines of work were progressing, due to the efforts of a large group of fine and consecrated women. Total receipts for the year have been \$824.66. Total disbursements \$708.70, with \$115.93 at present in the treasury. The Thank Offering totaled \$740.83.

Mrs. Gail Cleland gave brief reviews of a number of mission study books, asked the women to make an inventory of books already studied, and not to be afraid of using a book listed a year or two ago if it meets their needs. For more information consult Mrs. Cleland, who knows her subject thoroughly and is always willing to help.

Among the Sioux

From the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston in 1897 a young girl went to Santee, Nebraska, to teach music to the Indians, and there became the wife of Frederick B. Riggs. Santee's first log church, with mud roof, no floor, rough backless benches, and an occasional rattlesnake for a visitor, has become increased to four school homes, all tastefully furnished of California being the first on the list. As one girl expressed it, "All these nice things by good people who never even have seen us." Lovely Easter outfits were created by the girls from second-hand clothing sent from First Church, Oakland. Scraps for quilts are always in great demand.

Under Mrs. Riggs' skilled direction cantatas have been given at Christmas and Easter for the past ten years, and in 1927 she took a group of twenty-four to the National Council at Omaha, where they delighted large audiences at every session. Outstanding leaders are being sent out from Santee each year and often hold important government positions.

THE CRIME PROBLEM

Judge Theresa Meikle, who holds the only women's court in Northern California, had the closest attention of every woman Thursday evening. She said there are at present 10,000 prisoners in Folsom and San Quentin at a cost of \$300 and \$200 each. These prisoners are kept practically in idleness, with the exception of those at road camps. "What are we women to do about these conditions?" she asked. "What do we know about segregation, sanitation, juvenile courts, and the treatment of prisoners? We are afraid, doubt our own ability, and end in indecisiveness. Artificial handicaps we raise lessen our interest and determination to do something." Her closing words were, "Don't run away from life. You are only as great as the faith that is in you. Be conscious of your own power."

We regret our inability to print the poems to which reference was made at the Annual Meeting, but it was decided that all the space available each month is needed for Federation news.

The Federation did not say farewell to Mrs. C. T. Tinker, our retiring President, but rather welcomed her back into its ranks as a good soldier who has effectively and faithfully served as high commander for three years. How devoted she has been to the cause she loves we all know, and how untiringly she has labored for it. To Mrs. Frank J. Greene, our incoming President, we give our most cordial greetings. Of great ability, progressive, a student of human nature, and well equipped for the task she faces, we welcome her joyfully, and pledge her the same loyal support we have given to the able leaders who have preceded her.

Changes in China

This subject was vividly described by Miss Bertha Allen of Foochow, as attractive and wide awake a personality as one could hope to meet, and whose every word could be distinctly heard. Broad streets, electric lights, new educational methods, the increased study of Mandarin, that makes translators from the language of Northern to Southern China now unnecessary, are a few changes she mentioned. Isabel Wong, long known as "Loving Righteousness," has changed her name to "World Citizen," and is principal of Foochow Kindergarten. According to Chinese rulings since 1927 all Chinese schools must be manned by Chinese.

One of the most impressive features of the two days' session was the charge to the incoming officers by Miss Helen Perkins. It was especially understanding, challenging, and inspiring, coming as it did from one who knows the difficulties and discouragements as well as the deep joy of service faithfully performed.

In her usual inimitable way, Miss Helen Perkins described Trinity County, with its corkscrew trails, impassable winter roads, sturdy resourceful people, and its one devoted Protestant minister, Rev. J. D. Salmon.

Letters from Dr. Leonard Wilbur, read by his mother, Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur, were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Snapshots of the Midwinter Meeting

Rev. Charles E. Burton said on the first evening, "For real community of interest give me two fellows who have the same kind of rheumatism." We all have the same kind of trouble these days, so should work together.

In Wonderland, Alice found that they must run as fast as they can to stay where they are. We have not been able to do quite that well in our benevolences.

In spite of the decline in income of the church, the loss has not been as great as that in the national income of the people and in expenditures for luxuries and recreation.

The A. M. A. has closed four institutions and has reduced its workers by 119.

In 1929 only 13½ per cent of the contributions to all philanthropies in America came from people with incomes of \$25,000 and over; 18½ per cent from people with incomes from \$3,000 to \$25,000; 68 per cent from those with incomes of \$3,000 and less. This indicates that we have nothing to fear from a redistribution of wealth under the provisions of the New Deal. The great bulk of our income is from people with small incomes.

In 1929 when giving to American philanthropy reached its peak, the people who made income tax returns listed gifts equalling only 1.9 per cent

of their incomes, even though the Government permits deduction up to 15 per cent. It would seem that there is plenty of reason for laying on the hearts of people the needs of our benevolent enterprises.

One State Superintendent reported that one out of every two men of voting age in his state was on the unemployment list.

One Church in Massachusetts had 162 applications for the pastorate.

The plan of 1934 provides a team of visitors to confer with the officials of every church in the country so far as it is possible to reach them.

Steps were taken to maintain the Original Plan Annuity Fund at the amount intended when the plan was launched. The funds which the ministers have paid in themselves and those derived from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund have been so well handled that the churches through apportionment need to care for only about two-thirds as much as expected. Contributions to this amount will be made by the American Board, the Home Boards and the State Conferences.

On recommendation from the women's state presidents, the Commission on Missions passed a vote condemning the exploitation of churches and their women's organizations for commercial purposes, specifically mentioning the Goodwin Plan.

MARY WORTH MAAR

Mrs. Mary Worth Maar, widow of the late Rev. Frederick H. Maar, passed away on January 19, 1934. For many years she and her husband served the churches of Northern California, and since his death she was organist of the Calvary Church, Oakland. She was active in the Federation of Congregational Women for Northern California, and the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. F. Swartz, and Mr. Cyril M. Hicks. A daughter, Mrs. F. R. Floyd, and a son, Sidney T. Maar, together with a host of friends, mourn her going, but rejoice in her memory.

TWO WHO WILL BE LEAVEN

Tall, dignified, thoughtful youths—seniors in the School at Tehchow, Shantung, China, representing the best scholarship, were among 20 others who joined the Christian Fellowship group organized by Mark H. Wheeler. This society and its ideals are permeating the student body. "These two boys thus gave not only expression to their new faith," says Mr. Wheeler, "but also to their desire to devote their lives to service for others."

"To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge."—Benjamin Disraeli.

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What an assurance those words convey at a time when stocks, bonds, deposits, and loans have defaulted and dried up. That freedom from anxiety has been the experience of those who in years past entrusted capital funds to our Conference and Benevolent Societies. Every six months, **without fail**, and without reduction, they have received their income.

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In the long years which are ahead the gifts of these friends will help to maintain the service to the churches and the progress of the Kingdom of God, **without fail**, even in times as difficult as these through which we are passing.

Information about this plan of investment gladly furnished.

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